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Monte Carlo Methods, Codes, and Applications (XCP-3)

CAAS UM-CSG Example

Criticality Accident Alarm Systems

- criticality and shielding calculation methods.

UM for facility details

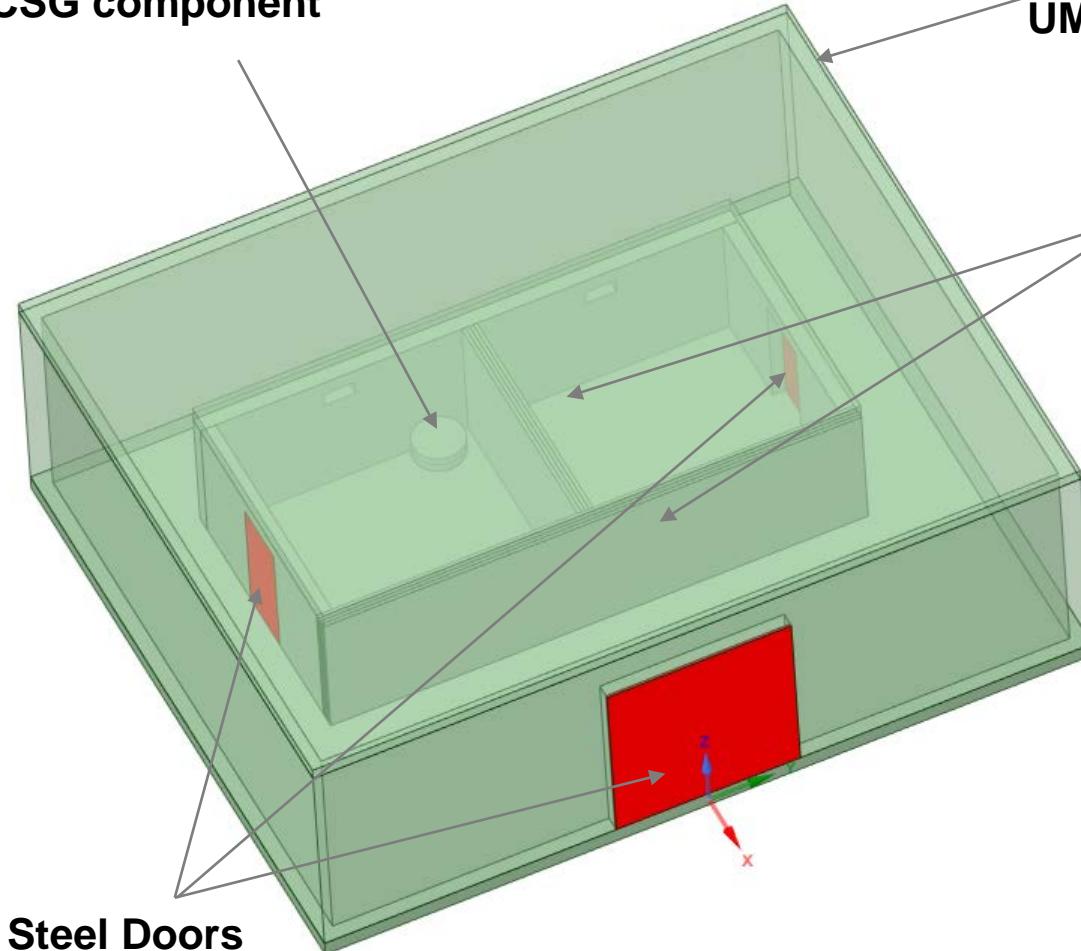
- import of existing facility drawings.

CSG used for criticality and detector cells

- place criticality/detector cells in multiple locations
- conserve mass/volume geometry for criticality cells

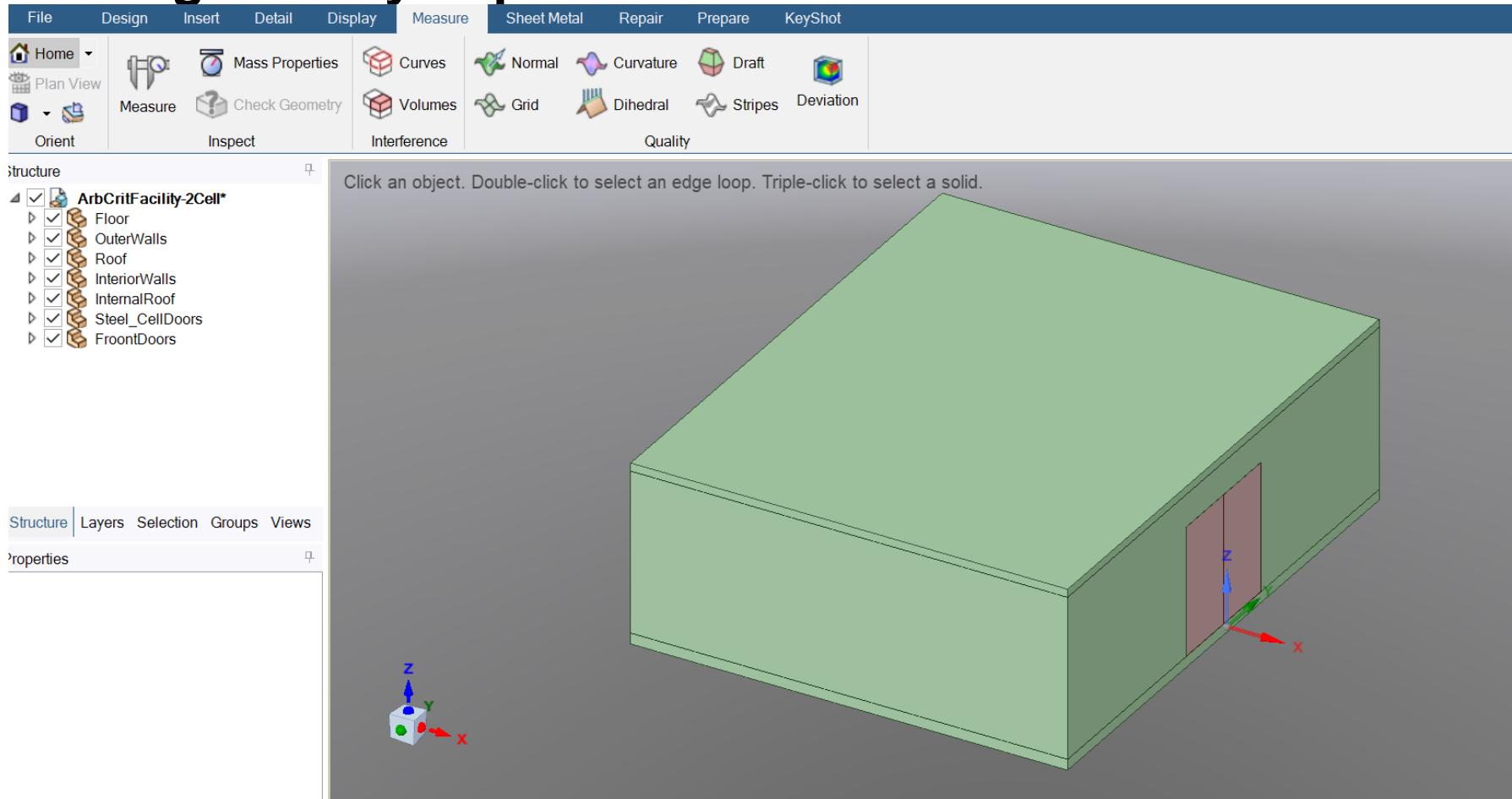
- Import solid geometry, generate mesh, create calculation in Attila4MC and create MCNP6.2 UM file
- Insert CSG cells for criticality tank and detectors into MCNP6.2 UM file
- MCNP6.2 KCODE calculation, ensure convergence & generate source
- Tallies for detector energy deposition, MCNP6.2 fixed source calculation
- MCNP6.2 and Attila variance reduction techniques for reliable tally results
 - Weight windows – stochastic and deterministic, DXTRAN

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Solid geometry import into Attila4MC



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Cell Cards Showing only UM Geometry

```
c ----- Cell Cards ----- 80
1 2 -2.3 0           u=1
2 2 -2.3 0           u=1
3 2 -2.3 0           u=1
4 2 -2.3 0           u=1
5 2 -2.3 0           u=1
6 1 0.08636 0        u=1
7 1 0.08636 0        u=1
8 0 0               u=1 $ background
9 0 100 -101 102 -103 104 -105 fill=1 $ fill cell
10 0 (-100:101:-102:103:-104:105)
c ----- End Cell Cards ----- 80
```

Cell Cards Showing only UM-CSG Geometry

```
c ----- Cell Cards ----- 80
1 2 -2.3 0           imp:n=1   u=1
2 2 -2.3 0           imp:n=1   u=1
3 2 -2.3 0           imp:n=1   u=1
4 2 -2.3 0           imp:n=1   u=1
5 2 -2.3 0           imp:n=1   u=1
6 1 0.08636 0        imp:n=1   u=1
7 1 0.08636 0        imp:n=1   u=1
8 0 0               imp:n=1   u=1 $ background
9 0 -100 201 202 203 fill=1 imp:n=1 $ fill cell
c
c Criticality Cells CSG
21 0 -201 #30 #31 #32 #40 imp:n=1
22 0 -202 #41           imp:n=1
23 0 -203 #42           imp:n=1
c
c Pu Nitrate solution in cell 1
30 94 9.9270e-2 -301 -303 imp:n=1
31 0 -301 303 imp:n=1
32 1 0.08636 -302 301 imp:n=1
c
c Detector Spheres
40 96 -0.92 -401 imp:n=1
41 96 -0.92 -402 imp:n=1
42 96 -0.92 -403 imp:n=1
c
c outside world
99 0 100 imp:n=0
c ----- End Cell Cards ----- 80
```

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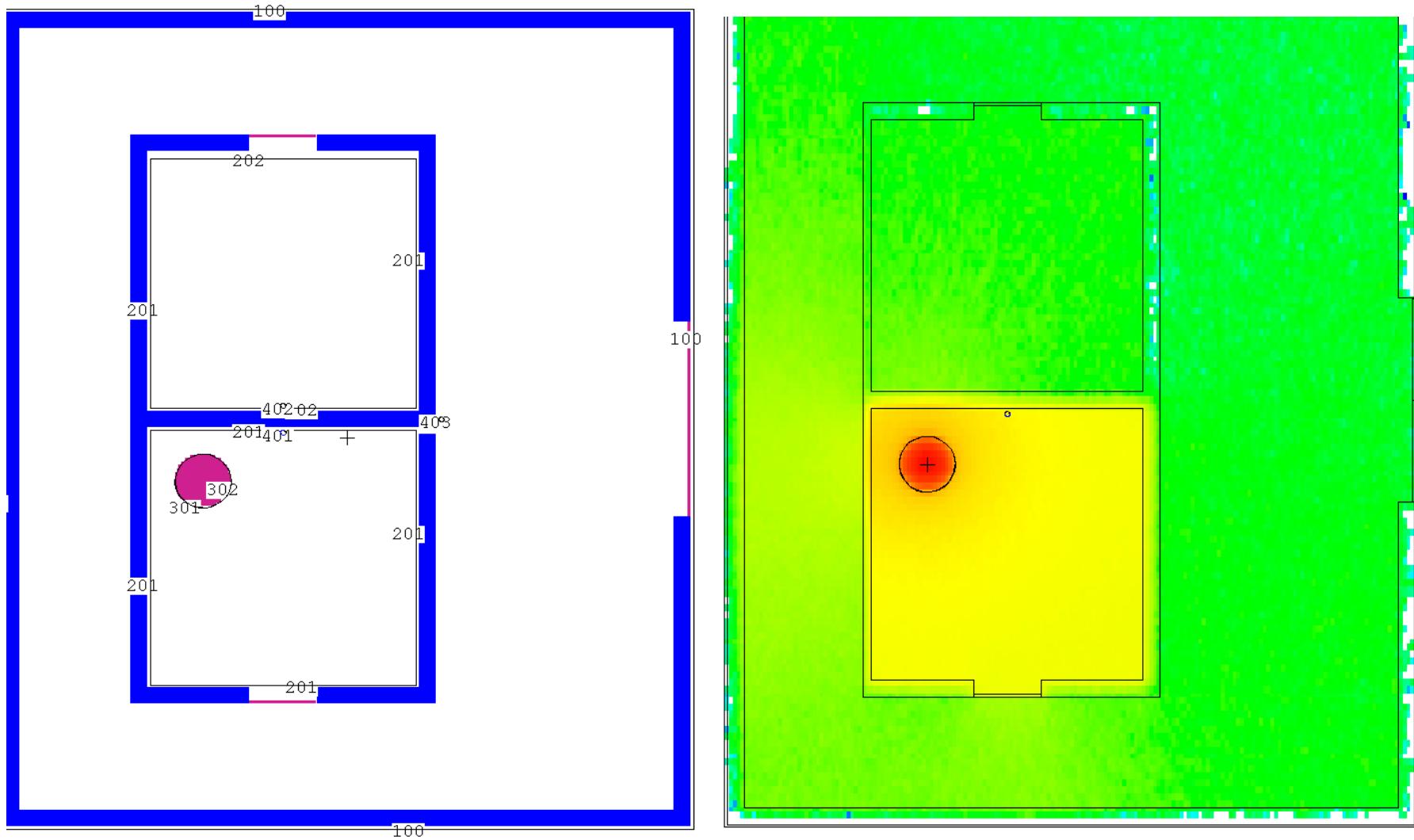
Cell Cards Showing only UM-CSG Geometry

```
c ----- Surface Cards ----- 80
c
100 px -2304.02
101 px -8.0175
102 py -761.92
103 py 772.08
104 pz -35.48
105 pz 485.06
c ----- End Surface Cards ----- 80
```

Cell Cards Showing only UM-CSG Geometry

```
c ----- Surface Cards ----- 80
c
c 100 px -1252.46
c 101 px -8.0175
c 102 py -761.92
c 103 py 772.08
c 104 pz -35.48
c 105 pz 485.06
100 RPP -1252.46 -8.0175 -761.92 772.08 -35.48 485.06
c
c Criticality Storage Cells with 5cm buffer to UM walls
201 RPP -983.38 -505.7 -492.83 -15.15 5.0 269.32
202 RPP -983.38 -505.7 25.15 492.83 5.0 269.32
203 SPH -460.2175 5.085 100 7
c
c Plutonium-Nitrate Container in inside corner of cell 1
301 RCC -888.38 -110.15 100.0 0.0.131.7 50
302 RCC -888.38 -110.15 99.0 0.0.132.7 50.5
303 pz 117.0
c
c Detector Sphere in inside corner of cell 2
401 sph -744.5375 -20.1549 100.0 5
402 sph -744.5375 30.3251 100.0 5
403 sph -460.2175 5.085 100.0 5
c ----- End Surface Cards ----- 80
```

CAAS UM-CSG Example: MCNP6 Geometry, fmesh plots



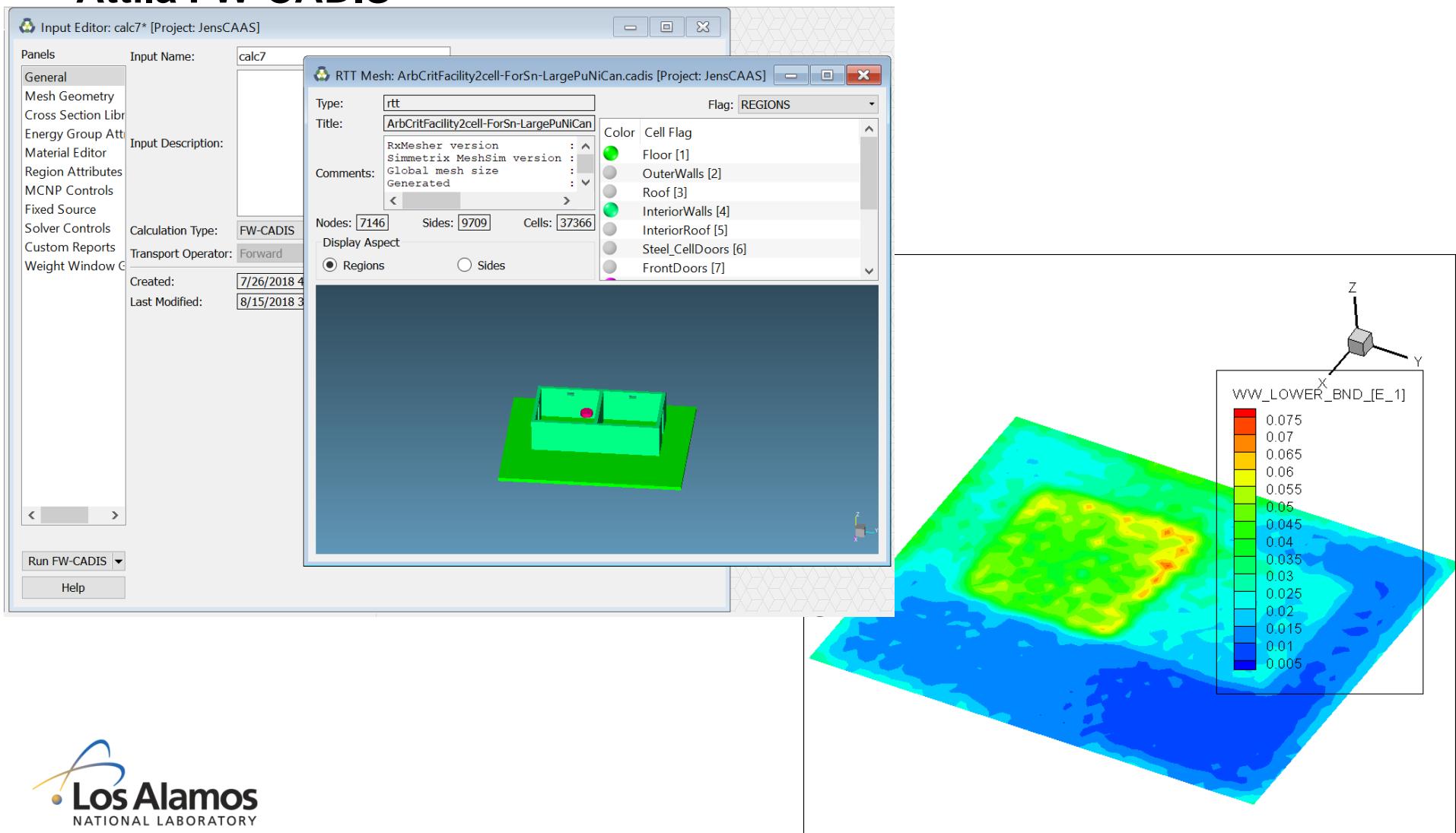
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MCNP6.2 Neutron Energy Deposition Results

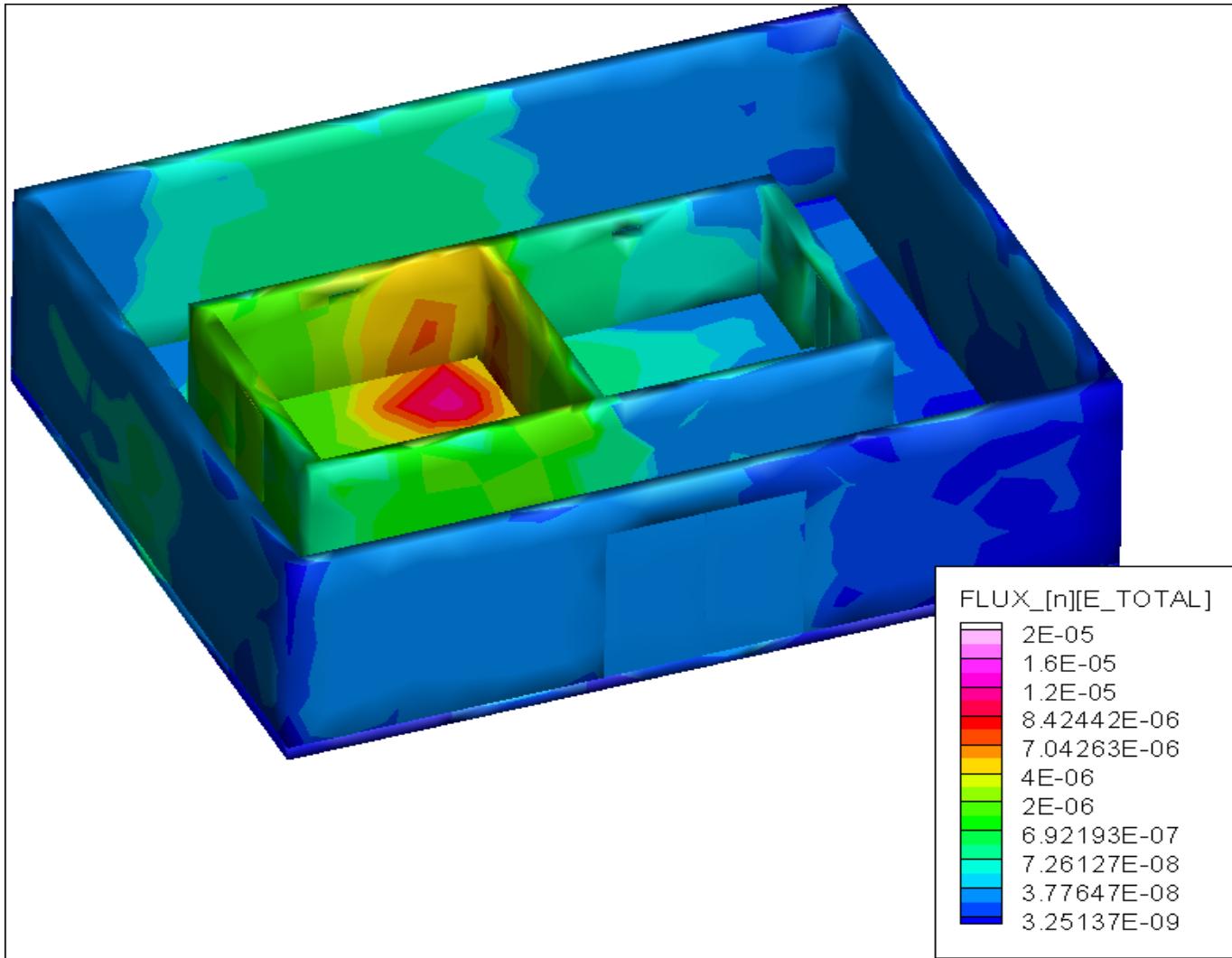
| Run | Detector 1 Mean Estimate (Gy) | Relative Error Estimate | Detector 2 Mean Estimate (Gy) | Relative Error Estimate | Detector 3 Mean Estimate (Gy) | Relative Error Estimate |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1: UM-CSG using FW-CADIS | 2.2870E-02 | 0.0397 | 6.3406E-04 | 0.0367 | 1.0857E-04 | 0.0512 |
| 2: UM-CSG using DXT, ESPLT | 2.3486E-02 | 0.0374 | 6.3958E-04 | 0.0345 | 9.7151E-05 | 0.0710 |
| 3: CSG using DXT, ESPLT | 2.2815E-02 | 0.0131 | 6.2337E-04 | 0.0128 | 1.0838E-04 | 0.0305 |
| Difference 1-2 | -2.69% | | -0.87% | | 10.52% | |
| Difference 1-3 | 0.24% | | 1.69% | | 0.18% | |

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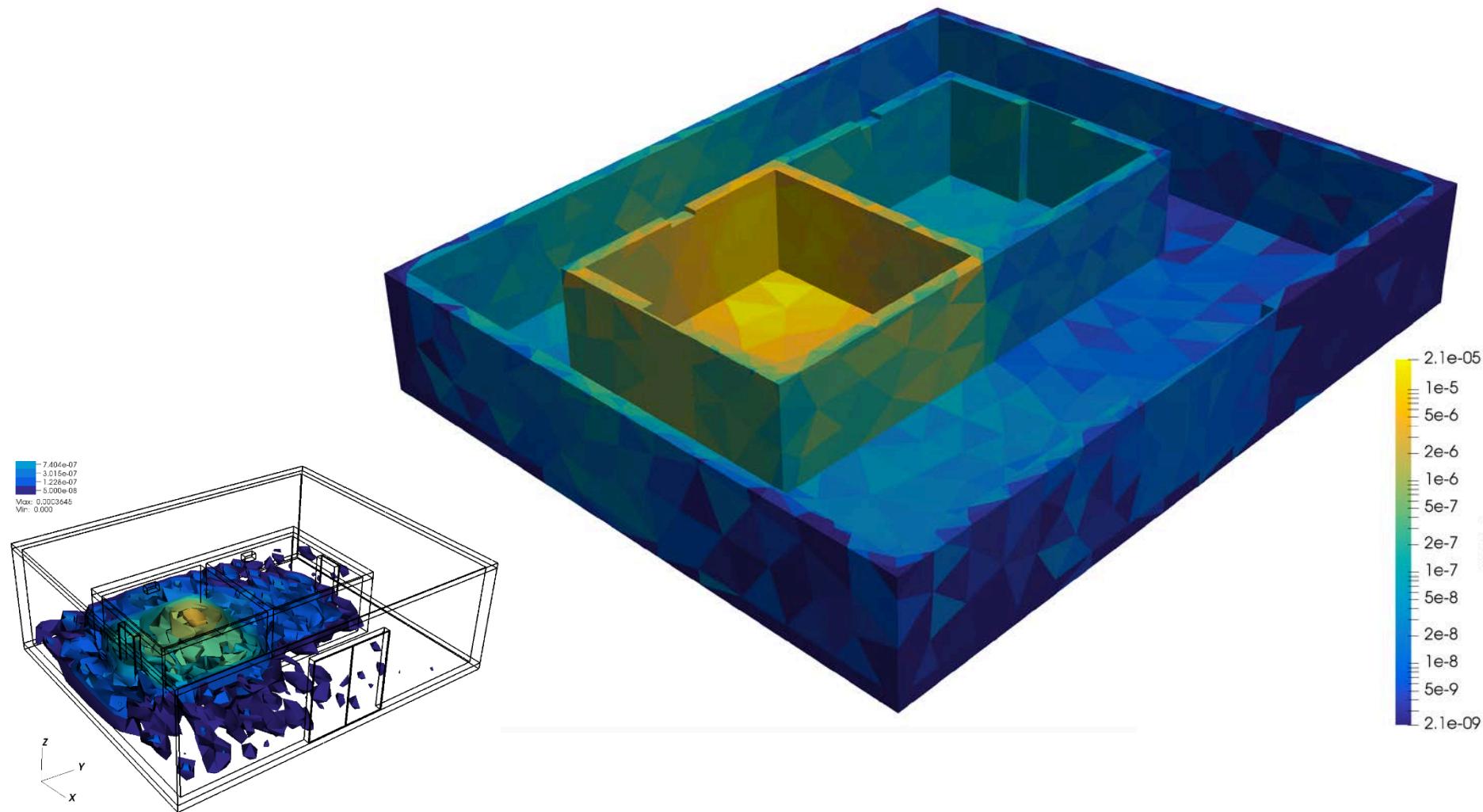
Attila FW-CADIS



CAAS UM-CSG Example: MCNP6.2 eeout → Tecplot



CAAS UM-CSG Example- MCNP6 Meshtal → Paraview



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